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REGENEREATION OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DAMAGED BY GRADE I

AND II OSTEOARTHRITIS BY MEANS OF THE INTRAARTICULAR APPLICATION OF A MIXTURE OF SODIUM HYALURONATE AND

CHONDROITIN SULFATE IN A GEL VEHICLE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)

<u> Via Telefax: 703/872-9306</u> MAIL STOP: PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. BOX 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A one month extension of the period for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed November 3, 2003, is hereby requested; the extended period for response will expire on March 3, 2004.

Please charge the \$110,00 extension fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(a) to Deposit Account No. 501051. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501051.

Respectfully submitted,

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